

- (5) An article on the ETS/heart disease issue by Professor Donald F. Weetman of the University of Sunderland in the UK. This is the manuscript of a presentation given at a symposium at Sunderland in May 1991 on "Risk Factors for Cardiovascular Diseases in Non Smokers". The proceedings are currently in press and will appear in book form in a few months. Accordingly, at the present time the article may be quoted by reference to it as a presentation that was given at a conference, but it should not be circulated in its entirety.

There is a considerable number of additional materials on the ETS/heart disease issue, and copies can be supplied if desired. We shall continue to monitor developments on this front, and we are available to help with responses or other activities.

Regards,



Michael T. Buckley

Attachment/Enclosures

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Re: ETS Cardiovascular Disease Issue

Attached is a press release from the US Coalition on Smoking or Health announcing a news conference to be held in Washington on Wednesday, 10 June. The chief purpose of this news conference appears to be to drum up publicity for a new position statement on ETS and heart disease by the American Heart Association. Efforts are now being made to obtain a copy of that position statement. Given that it is the AHA's journal Circulation that published the extreme article on ETS and cardiovascular disease by Glantz and Parmley in 1990, however, there is little doubt as to the general content of such a statement.

Because the Coalition's news conference may well take place at about the same time as the release of the revised EPA ETS risk assessment (not itself related to heart disease as far as we know) to the Science Advisory Board, the heart disease issue may receive a fair amount of press coverage in the US. We already know, for example, of plans by NBC News to cover the issue. It is reasonable to assume that there will be some coverage in Europe as well. To anticipate this situation, we are enclosing a number of items that may be helpful in formulating appropriate responses:

- (1) An excerpt from the 1986 US Surgeon General's report on ETS, dealing with the heart disease issue. This excerpt contains the judgment that not enough work has been done on the issue yet to justify a conclusion that there is a relationship between ETS exposure and heart disease (pages 105-106). The industry's position is that this situation has not changed since 1986.
- (2) An excerpt to the same effect from the 1986 ETS Report of the US National Research Council (pages 257-268; see Summary and Recommendations, pp 265-266).
- (3) The chapter on heart disease (pages 184-196) from Peter Lee's new book, reviewing all the up-to-date epidemiologic evidence and concluding that a relationship with ETS has not been established.
- (4) An article on ETS and heart disease by Professor Guy Crépat of the University of Dijon, from the recent publication of the proceedings of the IAI conference in Athens (pages 429-443).

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